



General Assembly

Amendment

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LCO No. 4325



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To: Senate Bill No. **340**

File No. 511

Cal. No. 325

"AN ACT EXTENDING THE TERMS OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 1-205 of the 2016 supplement to
4 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
5 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

6 (a) There shall be established, within the Office of Governmental
7 Accountability established under section 1-300, a Freedom of
8 Information Commission consisting of [nine] eleven members. (1) Five
9 of such members shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice
10 and consent of either house of the General Assembly. Such members
11 shall serve for terms of four years from July first of the year of their
12 appointment, except that of the members appointed prior to and

13 serving on July 1, 1977, one shall serve for a period of six years from
 14 July 1, 1975, one shall serve for a period of four years from July 1, 1975,
 15 and one shall serve for a period of six years from July 1, 1977. Of the
 16 two new members first appointed by the Governor after July 1, 1977,
 17 one shall serve from the date of such appointment until June 30, 1980,
 18 and one shall serve from the date of such appointment until June 30,
 19 1982. (2) On and after July 1, [2011, four] 2016, six members of the
 20 commission shall be appointed as follows: One by the president pro
 21 tempore of the Senate, one by the majority leader of the Senate, one by
 22 the minority leader of the Senate, one by the speaker of the House of
 23 Representatives, one by the majority leader of the House of
 24 Representatives and one by the minority leader of the House of
 25 Representatives. Such members shall serve for terms of two years from
 26 July first of the year of their appointment. (3) No more than [five] six
 27 members of the commission shall be members of the same political
 28 party. Any vacancy in the membership of the commission shall be
 29 filled by the appointing authority for the unexpired portion of the
 30 term.

31 Sec. 2. Subsection (g) of section 1-205 of the 2016 supplement to the
 32 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
 33 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

34 (g) When the General Assembly is in session, the Governor shall
 35 have the authority to fill any vacancy on the commission, with the
 36 advice and consent of either house of the General Assembly. When the
 37 General Assembly is not in session any vacancy shall be filled
 38 pursuant to the provisions of section 4-19. A vacancy in the
 39 commission shall not impair the right of the remaining members to
 40 exercise all the powers of the commission and [three] six members of
 41 the commission shall constitute a quorum."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	1-205(a)
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Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	1-205(g)
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